



NEWS RELEASE

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Bridge Deck Work on State Route 70

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct deck grinding on the Pulga and Storrie Bridges on State Route (SR) 70 in Plumas County beginning on Wednesday, August 24, 2005. The work will take place at night between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning.

Contractors will begin on the Pulga Bridge with work continuing for three to four nights. When work has been completed on the Pulga Bridge, grinding will begin on the Storrie Bridge and will take up to two nights for completion. **Due to the narrow bridge decks, when the grinder is working near the center of the bridges there will be intermittent delays of up to one hour.** The California Highway Patrol will be monitoring the work zone.

The work on the Pulga and Storrie Bridges is part of a three-year project to rehabilitate five bridges along SR 70 in the canyon. Bridges are located at Pulga, Rock Creek, Storrie, Tobin and Howells. Work is near completion and has included replacement of bridge decks, seismic retrofitting and bridge strengthening, foundation strengthening, upgrade of bridge rail, guardrail and concrete barrier.

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